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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN DELEGATION COOPERATION IN IMCO
APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE PACKAGE ON TANKER
SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

1. DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE WHICH PERMITTED A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE IMCO CONFERENCE ON TANKER SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION, THE LIBERIAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY COMMISSIONER GERALD COOPER, HAD SUBSTANTIAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE. (LIBERIA, WITH SOME 79 MILLION TONS OF MERCHANT SHIPPING IS, OF COURSE, CAUGHT BETWEEN THE PROPONENTS AND OPPONENTS OF THE U.S. TSPP PROPOSALS.)

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE FROM THE U.S. DELEGATION, COMMISSIONER COOPER AGREED NOT TO VOTE AGAINST THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE, EVEN THOUGH THIS REPORTEDLY WAS NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS INSTRUCTIONS. COOPER STATED CERTAIN OBJECTIONS TO THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE, BUT IN THE CRUCIAL VOTE IN COMMITTEE III, HE SUPPORTED THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE. THIS, IN CONJUNCTION
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WITH THE COOPERATION OF THE SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES, PERMITTED THE COMPROMISE PACKAGE TO BE ACCEPTED "BY CONSENSUS." THE VOTE WAS 41 YES, 0 NO, WITH 9 ABSTENTIONS.

3. PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT INTERPOSES NO OVERRIDING OBJECTIONS, DELEGATION REQUESTS AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

INDICATE AT THE HIGHEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA THAT THE ACTION TAKEN BY COMMISSIONER COOPER WAS NOT ONLY NECESSARY TO PREVENT A STALEMATE OF THE TSPP CONFERENCE, BUT WAS IN THE FINEST TRADITION OF IMCO AND BROUGHT CREDIT TO THE LIBERIAN DELEGATION. IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR TO THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBERIA THAT A NEGATIVE VOTE BY THE LIBERIAN DELEGATION WOULD NOT ONLY HAVE HAD SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE CONFERENCE BUT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY HAVE HINDERED FURTHER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE LIBERIAN DELEGATIONS IN IMCO.

3. U.S. DELEGATION SENDS.
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